

REMARKS

In this paper, claim 7 is currently amended, and claims 9-17 have been canceled. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-8 are pending, and claims 9-17 have been canceled.

The applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-6.

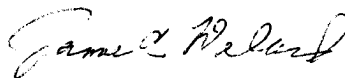
The applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claim 17 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 17 has been incorporated into independent claim 7 from which it directly depended, so it is believed that claims 7 and 8 are now allowable.

Claims 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (US 5,690,410) in view of Kennedy, et al (US 2,747,078) and Sun, et al (US 5,477,425). As noted above, claim 7 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 17, so it is believed that claims 7-8 are now allowable.

Claims 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker (US 3,792,307) in view of Lin. Claims 9-16 have been canceled, so this basis for rejection is considered moot.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 have been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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